



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 972

LCO No. 4066



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Correction shall not use the provision of voice communication service
3 or any other communication service to persons who are in the custody
4 of the commissioner and confined in a correctional facility to supplant
5 in-person contact visits any such person may be eligible to receive.
- 6 (b) On and after October 1, 2022, the commissioner shall provide
7 voice communication service to persons who are in the custody of the
8 commissioner and confined in a correctional facility. The commissioner
9 may supplement such voice communication service with any other
10 communication service, including, but not limited to, video
11 communication and electronic mail services. Any such communication
12 service shall be provided free of charge to such persons and any
13 communication, whether initiated or received through any such service,
14 shall be free of charge to the person initiating or receiving the
15 communication.

16 (c) On and after October 1, 2022, the state shall not receive revenue
17 for the provision of any communication service to any person in the
18 custody of the commissioner and confined in a correctional facility.

19 Sec. 2. Sections 18-81x and 54-105a of the general statutes are
20 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2022*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide cost-free telecommunications for incarcerated persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]